

111 No. 5. Spruce St. New York "19/46
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My heart acquiesces to Mr. Daross.

I have rec^d but 2 private letters for you since you left: one from Mr. Nash, soliciting Edward as a pupil, & one from a clergyman in Mass. (I will not give the name from memory for fear of a mistake) who was about to leave his charge & wished to know if you thought he could be useful here. As the best thing I could do, I returned them to the writers with a note informing them of the fact that you had left. Mr. Storr has finally accepted the call to the Pilgrim Church, & is to be installed this evening. The weather is most unpropitious, as it is now (sunset) pouring rain, as it has done for the last 3 weeks with the exception of some 2 or 3 days. The Free American at Lexington is at present suspended. We had notice of it a few days before in a letter to you for the Com. asking counsel & aid. The Pennsa. Freeman says it will be resumed about 1st Jan. probably at Louisville, but it is doubtful whether Cassius will have any thing further to do with it. Young Cornish's letters were published in the Tribune entire. I sent a copy & the mutilated one to Mr. Eastman as you desired. I have rec^d a very brief letter from Mr. Winthrop - he had not then rec^d his books, but acknowledges the receipt of the manuscript - he does not say that he will or will not publish it. I also rec^d a note of apology (from Mr. Bolton yesterday) for a letter which he had not leisure to write. He says "The League have descended to the use of the grossest

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"Scandal against our Society. They say it is true that we are in existence, but that is all, we might as well be dead. They cannot appreciate a quiet though effective mode of action. They have no sympathy with those who do not run to the same excess of riot. Our Comm. will not soil their hands with them. You have doubtless seen an article written by Mr. Clarkson on the Amer. Union, given to the world by George Thompson, purporting to be his last thoughts & intended to carry the idea with it - that Mr. C. was favorable to the Garrison party. That paper was written "in age & feebleness extreme" in consequence, as I believe of a visit from St. C. Wright. It was obtained surreptitiously, & was published against the will of Mrs. Clarkson & her family. A representation will be made to the world on the subject."

Our friends in England do not believe that Slave-holders will be excluded from the English branch of the Alliance, which was to be formed the day after the Steamer sailed - but this Mr. B. whispers in confidence, on the authority of Mr. Stinton. The Patriot of 11/2 thinks, or at least, hopes differently. A subscription has been started to raise £ 150 to buy F. Douglass' liberty. In replying to Mr. Bolton's letter, I shall take the responsibility of alluding to the Manuscript you sent to Mr. Dunlop - from the apparent complexion of things

it appears to me to be just what the London Com. want
at this time. Garrison, Wright, Thompson & Douglass
are driving through the kingdom like Van Am-
burgh's Menagerie - You probably remember Mr.
Kirkland, formerly a member of our Com. He was ac-
cidentally drowned in the North River recently: he was
about starting a new Unitarian paper in this city.
Bro. Johnson has returned, & I have notified him of
my commission to collect his note - he will try to
settle it soon, but does not call often. I have inter-
red your furniture for \$750 at an expense of \$4.55.
The results of the elections you will see in the
papers sent - Greeley has carried his Governor,
but free Suffrage is lost - 3 or 4 to 1 - I send you
a Prospectus of the new Paper, I hope that your
modesty will not deter you from getting us all
the subscribers you can. Your friend Gibbs
of Baltimore ^{called} in to-day: he is well, but out of business.
I hope that he will get one of G. Smith's farms,
& am trying to aid him, altho' he was late in
making application. But my time is out -
whether this scrawl will be worth your time to pe-
ruse it, or not, you will do me the credit to
believe that it was designed to amuse you.
Had Mr. J.'s intention to leave been known sooner
several of your friends would probably have im-
proved the opportunity.

Yours truly
Wm. Starned

Let us hear from you often.

Our Almanac goes off pretty well: about 6300 have
left the Office, of which nearly 5000 have been
paid for. The Fin. Com. have reduced the price to
30 dolls. per M. & prohibited my disposing of them
except for cash. Mr. Willey & Leonard Gibbs have
each taken 1000 & paid for them. I send you spec-
imens of No. 1. & 2. Liberty Tracts, new Series - my first
2 orders for these swept off 1500 of them. No. 3 will
probably be compiled from the pages of Finch &
Weed's Almanac, without the Frontispiece. To go on
with literary matters in order I may say that Fane's me-
moir is out at last. There is however very little in it
that would be new to you, excepting the Lithograph
likeness, which is one of the poorest efforts of art
which has recently seen daylight. Mr. Jocelyn bought
a copy & tore the plate into shreds before he put the
book in his pocket. About the office we have little that
is new, except a new face once in a while: Bro. C. F.
R. soon got tired of Editorship &c. & has started on a
tour through N. & with Mr. Stovey to raise funds for
his Jamaica chapel. Bro. Warren is at Albany. Bro.
Seely at Montpelier. Mr. & Mrs. Wolcott sailed for King-
ston within a few days, & will probably see you before
long. The papers will inform you of the death of Thos.
Clarkson, & in one that I shall mark, you will
see the Resolutions passed by our Com. which have
been extensively published. We have had a great
excitement here about a Slave case, of which I hope
to find an acct. in some of our duplicate papers.

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My kind regards to Mr. Street.